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Book Report

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News that's somehow more soothing can be found in the March/April issue of Small Press, which forecasts the first half-year of 1985 books from the nation's lesser known firms. Fiesta City Publishers, for example, or Renaissance House. No Sidney Sheldons here, but one does note listings for, among others—June Jordan's Living Room (Thunder's Mouth Press-/April), Manual Puig's Under a Mantle of Stars: A Play in Two Acts, translated by Ronald Christ (Lumen, Inc./April), Peggy Glenn's Publicity for Books and Authors (Aames/Allen, April) and the first trade paperback edition of Ella Leffland's acclaimed early '70s novel, Mrs. Munck (Greywolf). Corroboree Press has UBIK: The Screenplay by Philip K. Dick (May), and one sees that in January, Stone Trail Press released David Atlee Phillips Careers in Secret Operations: How to Be a Federal Intelligence Officer.